

## State Librarian Celebrates 25 Years of Service

Since September 1980, James A. Nelson's has served as Kentucky State Librarian and Commissioner for the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA). An agency within the Education Cabinet, KDLA is responsible for statewide library development and management and preservation of public records in Kentucky. Nelson's 25 years of service as manager of the agency stands as the second longest tenure for a state librarian currently in the United States.

Nelson is a graduate of the University of Colorado and the University of Kentucky's College of Library Science, where he was named Outstanding Alumnus in 1985. He has held positions in the library schools at the Universities of Wisconsin and Kentucky; was a speechwriter for Kentucky Governor Wendell Ford; served as the Director of the Hardin County Public Library; and, was a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Republic of the Philippines. Nelson has served in advisory roles with the Gates Library Foundation; the WK Kellogg Foundation; the US Congress, Office for Technology Assessment; and, the US Department of Education. He has held national offices in the American Library Association and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies as well as writing for and editing various national publications in library science and information policy.



Commissioner James A. Nelson

"We commend Jim Nelson for providing 25 years of leadership to the Commonwealth of Kentucky," said Education Cabinet Secretary Virginia G. Fox. "Jim has brought a personal commitment to 'Serving Kentucky's Need To Know' and set a high standard for quality work, strong partnerships and a commitment professional development."

Currently, Nelson serves on the Virtual Library Advisory Committee and the Distance Learning Advisory Committee - both advising the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education on issues relating to distance education. Nelson chairs the Kentucky Archives and Records Commission and is a permanent member of the Kentucky Library Association Board of Directors. He was appointed to the Southeastern Library Network Board of Directors in October 2002 and currently serves as the Board's chairperson.

## **Annual Kentucky Book Fair**

The central purpose of the Kentucky Book Fair, Inc. (KBF) is to bring writers and patrons together in celebration of their mutual interest and to promote awareness of the importance of writing and reading within the general public. The Book Fair supports and encourages writers of all genres and uses proceeds from the Fair to benefit other causes associated with the promotion of reading and writing, especially libraries.

The Book Fair, now in its 24th year, is a one-day event, held this year, on the second Saturday in November (November 12, 2005). The event will take place in Frankfort. The Book Fair is operated by a non-profit independent board of volunteers, with co-sponsorship from the State Journal, Frankfort's daily newspaper; the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives; the University Press of Kentucky and Joseph Beth Book Sellers, Lexington, Kentucky. Several businesses and organizations in the state provide cash donations which are used for operating expenses. This year's event will be held at the Frankfort Convention Center. Several symposiums are planned throughout the day as well.

Each year more than 150 authors attend the Fair, prepared to autograph copies of their latest books and meet the people who wish to purchase their works. The KBF and Joseph Beth will be ordering the books and will handle all of the local arrangements. The informal atmosphere encourages discussion and conversation among all of those in attendance, in addition to the sale of books. Approximately 3,000 attend the Fair, primarily from Kentucky and the surrounding states.

Every attempt is made to invite writers of all genres, including current events, fiction, children's books, poetry, cookbooks, mysteries and other genres. A mix of national, regional and state writers is also a goal for the event. This year the KBF anticipates the attendance of James Archambeault, Wendell Berry, Silas House, Dr. Gene Burch, Eleanor Clift, David and Lalie Dick, Lynn Hightower, Bobbie Ann Mason and a multitude of other wonderful and exciting authors.

The KBF uses profits from the sale of books to provide grants to Kentucky school and public libraries for local book purchasing and occasionally to other literacy-related causes. Since the inception of the Kentucky Book Fair in 1981, over \$250,000 has been awarded in grants to Kentucky libraries. This year twelve libraries were approved for grants totaling \$10,600.00, including four public libraries. The libraries receiving grants are Ballard-Carlisle-Livingston Public Library, Bath County Memorial Library, Freedom Elementary School in Bullitt County, Hannah McClure Elementary School in Clark County, Crittenden County High School, Eminence Independent School Library in Henry County, Sand Gap Elementary School in Jackson County, Lewis County Public Library, Metcalfe County Public Library, Bloomfield Middle School in Nelson County, North Todd Elementary School in Todd County and Simmons Elementary School in Woodford County.

The Kentucky Book Fair is considered the state's premiere literary event and owes its success to writers, readers and volunteers who believe that literacy is an important cause which must be continually promoted for the public good.

## Kentucky Book Fair Symposium

The annual Kentucky Book Fair will be held at the Frankfort Convention Center on Saturday, November 12, 2005:

9:15 to 10:15	<u>Daniel Boone</u> : Randell Jones, Neal Hammon, Maurice Manning, Cameron Judd; moderator Richard Taylor
10:30 to 11:45	<u>No Depression</u> : Grant Alden, Silas House
12:00 to 12:45	<u>Raggedy Ann and Andy</u> : Joni Gruelle
1:00 to 1:45	<u>Black Lagoon Series</u> : Mike Thaler
2:00 to 3:00	<u>Civil War Panel</u> : Charles Bracelen Flood, Betty J. Gorin, Bryan S. Bush
3:15 to 4:15	<u>First A Garden</u> : Jon Carloftis

### Holiday Inn Glass Room Schedule:

10:00 a.m.	Friends of Kentucky Libraries: Nuts & Bolts Seminar
1:00 to 2:00	Scrapbooking with Children Demonstration with KBF author R. Lynn Baker
2:00 to 4:00	Scrapbook demonstrations and Make-It-Take-It

### Holiday Inn Ballroom Schedule:

8:30-10:00	Breakfast with Marcia Wallace of The Bob Newhart Show and her book, <u>Don't Look Back, We're Not Going That Way</u>
12-2:00	Luncheon with Bernard Goldberg, <u>100 People Who Are Screwing Up America: (and Al Franken Is #37)</u>

\*\*Tickets for the Marcia Wallace breakfast are \$12; tickets for the Bernard Goldberg luncheon are \$15. Tickets are available at Joseph-Beth Booksellers in Lexington Green. You may purchase them at the store or by calling the store at 859-273-2911.

## Cataloging Tips

The Dewey Classification Division of the Library of Congress has made the decision to discontinue the use of segmentation marks (also known as slash marks) to indicate the beginning of standard subdivisions in DDC numbers. However, the use of segmentation marks to indicate the end of abridged numbers will continue. This new policy took effect on September 1, 2005. It will simplify assignment of Dewey numbers at the Library of Congress. For example, Dewey numbers assigned after September 1 will look like this:

282.092/2 not 282/.092/2

The slash in the first number shows the end of the abridged number. The first slash in the second number shows the beginning of the standard subdivision (0922), and the second slash shows the end of the abridged number.

## **‘Cross the Commonwealth**

Vicki Logsdon, director of **Hart County Public Library**, and Melissa Wallace, a youth services librarian working in the **Boone County Public Library** system, recently joined KDLA Children’s and Youth Services Consultants Nikole Wolfe and Carol Baughman for training in Washington, D.C. In September they represented Kentucky public libraries at a workshop designed to initiate outcome-based evaluation of summer reading programs. The nation’s largest funder of summer reading programs—the Institute of Museum and Library Services—launched a project to document how well summer programs in public libraries help young participants achieve desired outcomes. The Kentucky representatives helped IMLS begin choosing the outcomes to be studied, and they will be assisting with documentation during the 2006 summer reading program.

Virginia Hutton, children’s library assistant at **Jessamine County Public Library**, has won a national contest. Random House publishing company was looking for great storytimes in America’s libraries. Virginia submitted a 200 word synopsis of one of her storytimes from last spring. Her entry was chosen from the submissions of librarians nationwide. One of her prizes will be an all expense paid trip to the new Eric Carle Museum of the Picture Book in Amherst, Massachusetts.

A new mobile branch of the **Harlan County Public Library** has been stationed permanently in Evarts. Local Homemakers and other volunteers serve as staff for the coming months while under the direction of the Harlan County Public Library Director. A Grand Opening is scheduled when the newly painted Bookmobile is in place. This is a joint effort by the Harlan County Library Board, the County Judge Executive, and Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

The meeting room at the Newport Branch of the **Campbell County Public Library** has been named the J. Michael Kinsella Community Room in his honor. Kinsella died suddenly in February 2005. Upon his death, his family requested that memorials be made to the library.

The **William B. Harlan Memorial Library** in Monroe County has adopted Alba Elementary School in Bayou le Batre which was nearly destroyed during Hurricane Katrina. The library is collecting money and letters of support for the school. They chose this particular school because of local ties with one of their library patrons whose daughter-in-law lives in this area.

The Friends of the **McCracken County Public Library** held their annual Summer Book Sale July 29-30 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Paducah. This year’s sale also featured limited edition prints and posters of the Carnegie Library mural, one of the latest murals added to Paducah’s Flood Wall. Herb Roe, the muralist who created the image of Paducah’s first library, was on hand to autograph the prints. A portion of these sales were donated to the Friends of the Library. The book sale earned \$9,600 which the library will use for new books, CDs, DVDs and youth and adult programs.

The **Graves County Public Library** has added a coffee bar. The foyer was renovated into a coffee bar with bistro table, chairs, greenery and an awning. The patrons benefit from the relaxed atmosphere of the setting as they enjoy a cup of coffee and reading their morning newspaper or a magazine.

Mark Linkous of the **Metcalf County Public Library** Board of Trustees has received notification from the Office of the Governor that he has been appointed a member of the State Board for the Certification of Librarians.

## **Ashland Inc. Receives State Award for Reading Initiative**

Ashland Inc., based in Covington, Kentucky, is the 2005 recipient of the William H. Natcher Award for its corporate sponsorship of the Kenton County Public Library's Racing to Read initiative.

Named for the long time Congressman from Kentucky, the Natcher Award is given to an individual, organization, or corporation that has made a significant philanthropic contribution to a Kentucky library. Ashland Inc.'s support for the three-year launch of the Kenton library's Racing to Read effort to prepare preschoolers for learning how to read before kindergarten drew the attention of Kentucky Library Association officials, who presented the Natcher Award to Ashland at the organization's annual conference on September 15 in Louisville.



Inside the Kenton County Public Library's Read Racer

With a vehicle donated by Covington Independent Public Schools, the Kenton County Public Library launched the Racing to Read program in 2003. Day cares, head starts, and preschool centers were targeted for monthly visits by the Read Racer vehicle, during which preschoolers could check out items to take home and receive reading enrichment programming by the library staff. Because of the program, approximately 1,500 at-risk preschoolers in 35 child care centers and preschools in Kenton County receive service from the vehicle each month. In its first two years of operation, Racing to Read has circulated 222,057 items to preschoolers and child care providers. More than 2,000 storytimes have been conducted by library staff members at Racing to Read stops.

## **New Staff Join KDLA**

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives welcomed three new staff members on board in recent months. Nikole Wolfe is a statewide Children's Librarian Consultant, Charlotte McIntosh is the new Northern Kentucky Regional Library Administrator and Kathleen Siry is the new Bluegrass Regional Library Administrator.

## Second Public Library Leadership Institute

The Public Library Leadership Institute is a model training program that bi-annually graduates a class of new Kentucky public library “public relations professionals.” The Institute is designed to increase the ripple effective of public awareness about public libraries.



Public Library Leadership Institute Class of 2005

Funded by the Federal Library Services and Technology Act, the goals of the Institute are to assist librarians and library trustees in developing local public awareness projects for libraries to cultivate leadership skills.

The Institute consists of five training sessions led by experts and peers, and is designed to increase participant skills in public awareness.

An important role of public librarians is to tell the important story of the public library in the community. The Institute focuses on sharing techniques, success stories, and improving skills in raising the public awareness of libraries in communities. Participants identify a special public awareness need of their library, and through each session, build a plan to address that need.

The Public Library Leadership Institute Class of 2005 graduates are Pamela Walker, now at Bowling Green Public Library in Warren County; Amanda Gilmore, Boyd County; Randall Winchester, Calloway County; Regina Merrick, Crittenden County; Beverly Cooper, Fleming County; Barbara Caron Grant County; Tina Snyder, Hancock County; Peggy Stanifer, Laurel County; Kay Peppard, Lincoln County; Kathy Crouch, Madison County; James Mitchell, Meade County; Robin S. Ison, Mercer County; Sharon Shanks, Nelson County; Leean Louella Allen, Pike County; Helen Williams, Rowan County; Paul M. Poland, Scott County; Elaine Munday, Taylor County; and Sammy Hancock Cundiff, Woodford County.

## KL#, An Endangered Species

With OCLC's switch to WorldCat Resource Sharing this spring, Affiliate Members (and former Selective Users) can now request materials from all libraries worldwide. No longer limited to KL#N and SL#N, you'll now be able to meet your customers' needs without having to resort to referrals through KL#. Contact KDLA's State Library Services Department at 800.928.7000 x 342 or 502.564.8306 with questions or problems.



## Question of the Month

In the 1890's I believe there was a Litch County in Kentucky. It doesn't appear any longer. Can you tell me where this county was and what was the county seat?

After checking the State Library's sources on the evolution of Kentucky's counties, the Reference staff was unable to turn up one named "Litch." There is a Litch Branch in Lewis County and the town of Litchfield in Hart County. Not knowing the source that provided the name "Litch," Reference staff speculation suggests a misspelling or typing mistake. Perhaps the original source actually refers to Letcher County. The Kentucky Encyclopedia offers information on the following counties beginning with "L:" Larue, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, Livingston, Logan, and Lyon. You can check entries in The Kentucky Encyclopedia (ed. John E. Kleber, 1992) to see what sources are cited. These sources can then be obtained through interlibrary loan. The Kentucky Atlas and Gazetteer also offers a searchable database of place names for Kentucky at <http://www.uky.edu/KentuckyAtlas/>. The State Library's staff also recommends these websites for information concerning the evolution of Kentucky's counties: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~kykinfolk/maps.htm>; [http://www.retracing-our-family-legacy.com/reference\\_KY\\_Co\\_chrt.html](http://www.retracing-our-family-legacy.com/reference_KY_Co_chrt.html).

Contact the State Library's staff with your questions. Go to Ask a Librarian at [www.kdla.ky.gov/research/asklib.htm](http://www.kdla.ky.gov/research/asklib.htm), or call (800) 928-7000, ext. 342.

## November Continuing Education Opportunities

2	Dewey Decimal Classification: An Introduction	Georgetown
3	Dewey Decimal Classification: An Introduction	Georgetown
4	Technology Training: MS Excel - Level 1	Paducah
7-8	Understanding Archives: An Introduction to Principles and Practices	Frankfort
8	Technology Training: Web Design with Cascading Style Sheets	Lexington
9	Technology Training: Web Design with Cascading Style Sheets	Lexington
10	Technology Training: Web Design with Cascading Style Sheets	London
15	Dewey Decimal Classification: An Introduction	Paintsville
15	Technology Training: MS FrontPage - Level 1	Paducah
16	Dewey Decimal Classification: An Introduction	Hazard
17	Technology Training: Web Design with Cascading Style Sheets	Bowling Green
18	Technology Training: Web Design with Cascading Style Sheets	Paducah

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